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**ANIMALS TOO RICH.**  
SOME OF THEM HAVE MORE ADVANTAGES THAN THEY NEED.

How Evolution Has Affected Certain Species—Frog, Ape, Fox, etc.—They Get a Living Easily—Cats Lead the Predatory Classes.

Certain snakes of medium size carry the most deadly weapon, whether of offense or defense, owned by any animal. In addition they have the perfect vertebrate structure which Sir Richard Owen so much admired, and can therefore swim, climb and make their way in places where other animals of similar size can go. They are the best equipped animals of their kind. Side by side with these are found snakes of similar size and equal powers, except that they lack the inviolable lethal weapon. They only carry blank cartridges in the battle of life. Evolution seems arrested for no reason. They not only fail to grow the poisoned tooth, but do not develop the power of crushing their prey as the constrictors do. It would be far easier for a common grass snake to kill a frog by poison before biting it, as the cobra does, than to have to swallow it alive. It would save it trouble to crush it, as a young boa constrictor of the same size would do, but it does not, because it neither has developed nor seems in the least likely to develop the necessary equipment for so doing.

By the theory of evolution the grass snake ought then to go back in the world, while the other common English snake, the poisonous viper, armed with a weapon, powerful as a protection and a means of killing its prey, increased in size and number and took its place. Yet this is exactly what has not happened. Grass snakes are larger and more numerous than vipers, and therefore the evidence that the absence of the poison fangs in any way endangers the survival of the species.

It is difficult to account for the absence of any visible failure in life of insect feeding creatures competing for existence on the same food, but with such unequal physical means for obtaining it as are possessed by the shrew, the marmoset, the shrew, the chameleon and the frog. In this list of five creatures living upon similar food we find that the physical appliances for securing it range from the perfect development of insect in flight in the swallow, the addition of hands for capture in the marmoset, bodily quickness and activity in the shrew, the power of assuming color exactly similar to that of environment in the chameleon, supplemented by a special apparatus for shooting out the tongue and capturing insects when motionless in the absence of any special equipment at all, except that of a rather long tongue, in the insect eating frog.

Yet the frog, destitute of all these specialized appliances, lives just as well as the swallow, the shrew, the marmoset or the chameleon, and at least one species, the barking frog, finds that to get on in the world it has "only" to be still and wait till creatures walk into its mouth. It has acquired a skin color suited to its environment and a large mouth. But it is not, and could never be, considered well provided for getting its living.

Our estimate of the physical means and appliances necessary for the survival and well being of animals is probably set too high. We judge the needs of all from the perfect development and acquired powers of many, perhaps of most, which evolution has provided with appliances in excess of their real wants. Most animals are overequipped. Evolution has run riot and provided them with means and power far in excess of their needs, just as it has provided them with an exuberance of ornament which delights us, but must already have passed beyond animal comprehension.

Probably the cats, great and small, would at once be named as the best equipped of all classes of predatory creatures, and the predatory creatures are by necessity superior in most forms of physique to those on which they prey. They are all "built" on one plan, with a special apparatus of teeth, sheaths to keep their claws sharp, muscles for springing suddenly to great distances, padded feet to deaden the sound of their movements and color adapted for concealment. These acquired appliances are in excess of their wants.

The polar bear, which cannot spring and has no sheaths for its claws, and has little obvious provision to aid it in swimming, catches and kills animals larger than those killed by the tiger and can kill them in the water. The walrus, or glutton, which is heavy, slow and has the feet of a ferret, gets its living as a carnivorous animal no less well than the tiger cats, which have a far more specialized equipment for their work.

There is actual evidence from the fossil bones of tigers that this excess of equipment once went further and has been discarded as superfluous. An extinct species developed canine teeth of such enormous size that it has been named the "saber-toothed tiger." The teeth were too long for its jaws, and the modern species use shorter weapons, just as modern tracheas are provided with lighter guns. The curling trunks of some of the mammoths and the palmated horns of the Irish elk were also in excess of requirements and are modified for use in the existing elephants and reindeer. Many monkeys possess a thumb, but some do not, and there is no evidence that they are therefore at disadvantage for their nonprogressive life.—London Spectator.

Wild ducks, cranes, swallows and several other kinds of birds assemble in flocks at the time of migration approach and seem to discuss the departure and the route.

## YOUTH'S DEPARTMENT.

In a Boy's Vacation Time—A Number of Home Specialists For the Girls.  
Face the Dog For a Boy.

I wonder why they always say that the dog is a very queer animal. I don't know, but I am sure that it is. I have seen a dog that was so queer that it was almost impossible to get it to do anything. I have seen a dog that was so queer that it was almost impossible to get it to do anything.

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## THE SPORTING WORLD.

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The commuter's chessboard, when folded, looks like a thin memorandum book about 8 inches long and 3 inches wide. It may be easily carried in the pocket. It consists of one stiff pasteboard side, covered with thin Russia leather, and a leather flap which when opened discloses a miniature chessboard, marked out with strips of thin leather so sewed as to leave slits over each square. Two strips across both top and bottom serve to hold the man when not in use or when removed in play.

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Champion Chicken Picker.  
Frank W. Turner of Eastport, Long Island, a section hand on the Long Island railroad, can pick a full fledged chicken in the astonishing time of five seconds. Experienced chicken pickers require at least two minutes to perform the same work. That is the previous record, in fact.

Turner begins by dousing the chicken in hot water to soften and loosen the feathers. Then he throws the fowl in the air and catches it as it returns. This is done, he says, because it is quicker than turning it about in his hands. Holding the fowl by one leg, with his left hand, by one rapid movement, he removes all the feathers on its companion member. Another movement carries away all the feathers on the other wing. Then he "twips" the fowl with the tip of his fingers. The feathers now fly in all directions. Before one realizes the lapse of time Turner cries out "done." It takes him just five seconds.

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**FAMILY MEDICINE**  
She Has Ever Known. Write of Pains from a New York Lady for  
**AYER'S PILLS**

"I would like to add my testimony to that of others who have used Ayer's Pills, and to say that I have taken them for many years, and always derived the best results from their use. For stomach and liver troubles, and for the cure of headache caused by these derangements, Ayer's Pills cannot be equalled."

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